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Art Unit

3676

Examiner Name

Carlos Lugo

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283-01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

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iii. Other _____

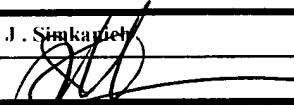
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Filed: November 1, 2001
For: LATCHING DEVICE
Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Carlos Lugo
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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to a final Office Action dated December 16, 2003, and an Advisory Action dated April 27, 2004, applicant requests a two-month extension of time to respond, and files this Amendment with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fees.

In the claims:

Amend the claims as recited below.

1. (Twice Amended) A latch assembly, the latch assembly comprising:
an elongate housing having sidewalls thereto and a hook-like shaped member
extending outwardly transversely thereto from an outside of a said sidewall thereof;
a pawl pivotally attached to the housing and being movable between a closed and an
open position, the pawl being provided with a torsion spring member that biases the pawl
toward the open position;